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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace page 20 currently on file with the following replacement paragraphs, chemical scheme, and compounds:

Compound 121 may be directly functionalized at the alcohol position by mesylation to form mesylate 121 (MES121), and treatment with a variety of nucleophiles such as, but not limited to, azide, mono- and disubstituted amines, thiourea, and 2-imidazolidone.

In this way a variety of substituted derivates may be prepared, typified by compounds such as compound 133, 143, and 156.